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## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re		:	Chapter 11
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Gawker Media LLC, et. al.,1		:	Case No. 16-11700 (SMB)
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	Debtors.	:	(Jointly Administered)
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FINAL FEE APPLICATION OF MOURANT OZANNES OF FEES FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED AND DISBURSEMENTS INCURRED AS SPECIAL COUNSEL AS TO CAYMAN ISLANDS LAW FOR THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED CREDITORS FOR THE PERIOD FROM JULY 18 2016 THROUGH JANUARY 5 2017

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Name of Applicant:	Mourant Ozannes Special Counsel as to Cayman Islands Law
Date of Retention:	July 18, 2016
Period for Which Fees and Expenses are Incurred:	July 18, 2016 through and including January 5, 2017
Fees Incurred:	\$28,420
Expenses Incurred:	\$0.00
<b>Total Fees and Expenses Due:</b>	\$28,420
Fees paid pursuant to the Order Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals [Docket No. 94] (the "Interim Compensation Order")	\$0.00
Expenses paid pursuant to Interim Compensation Order	\$0.00

#### **SUMMARY**

- 1. Mourant Ozannes ("Mourant"), special counsel as to Cayman Islands law for the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors in the above-captioned cases (the "Committee"), hereby submits this statement of fees and disbursements for the period from July 18, 2016 through and including January 5, 2017 (the "Compensation Period"). Mourant requests allowance and payment of compensation in the amount of \$28,420 of fees on account of reasonable and necessary professional services rendered to the Committee by Mourant during the Compensation Period.
- 2. Mourant was retained by the Committee as special counsel as to Cayman Islands law with effect from July 18, 2016. As part of its duties and as authorized pursuant to the Order (I) Authorizing Incurrence by the Debtors of Postpetition Secured Indebtedness, (II) Granting Liens, (III) Authorizing Use of Cash Collateral by the Debtors and Providing for Adequate Protection, and (IV) Modifying the Automatic Stay [Docket No. 81], the Committee investigated the prepetition financing arrangements, including the liens granted thereunder, of the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors"). As certain of the liens were granted pursuant to the laws of the Cayman Islands, Mourant was instructed to undertake a due diligence review of a number of security and finance documents entered into by certain of the Debtors incorporated in the Cayman Islands. Mourant's findings were shared with the Committee through the Committee's bankruptcy counsel, Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP.
- Although Mourant has limited experience preparing the required disclosure,
   Mourant approached the task of reviewing conflicts and preparing the required disclosure as efficiently as possible.
- 4. Mourant has previously submitted one interim fee statement dated November 9, 2016 (the "November Statement"). The fees claimed by Mourant in the November Statement

have not, to date, been paid and, for the avoidance of doubt, are included in this final fee application.

#### FEES FOR SERVICES RENDERED DURING THE COMPENSATION PERIOD

- 5. **Exhibit A** sets forth a timekeeper summary that includes the respective names, positions, department, bar admissions, hourly billing rates and aggregate hours spent by each Mourant professional and paraprofessional that provided services to the Committee during the Compensation Period. During the Compensation Period, the blended hourly billing rate of Mourant partners and counsel is approximately \$716.37. The blended hourly billing rate of paraprofessionals during the Compensation Period is approximately \$359.59.
- 6. **Exhibit B** sets forth a task code summary that includes the aggregate hours per task code spent by Mourant professionals and paraprofessionals in rendering services to the Committee during the Compensation Period.
- 7. **Exhibit** C sets forth a summary of expenses incurred and reimbursement sought, by expense type, for the Compensation Period.
- 8. **Exhibit D** sets forth detailed time records of Mourant professionals for the Compensation Period.
- 9. WHEREFORE, Mourant respectfully requests that the Court enter an order, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit E**: (i) allowing Mourant (a) final compensation for professional services rendered as counsel for the Committee during these cases in the amount of \$28,420; (ii) authorizing and directing the Debtors to pay (to the extent not previously paid in accordance with the Interim Compensation Order) to Mourant \$28,420, representing an amount equal to this award; and (iii) granting such further relief as is just.

#### NOTICE

11. Notice of this statement will be provided: (i) the Debtors, Gawker Media LLC, 114 Fifth 2d Floor, New York, NY 10011, Attn. Heather Dietrick Avenue, (heather@gawker.com) and William D. Holden (profinvoices@gawker.com); (ii) counsel for the Debtors, Ropes & Gray LLP, 1211 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036, Attn: Gregg M. Galardi (gregg.galardi@ropesgray.com); (iii) the Office of the United States Trustee for the Southern District of New York, 201 Varick Street, Suite 1006, New York, NY 10014, Attn: Greg Zipes & Susan Arbeit; (iv) counsel to US VC Partners LP, as Prepetition Second Lien Lender, Latham & Watkins LLP, 330 North Wabash Avenue, Suite 2800, Chicago, IL 60611, Attn: David Heller (david.heller@lw.com) & Keith A. Simon, 885 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10022, Attn: Keith A Simon (keith.simon@lw.com); and (v) counsel to Cerberus Business Finance, LLC, as DIP Lender, Schulte Roth & Zabel LLP, 919 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10022, Attn: Adam C. Harris (adam.harris@srz.com).

Dated: January 5, 2017

Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands

Respectfully Submitted,

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## **EXHIBIT A**

## Timekeeper summary

Name of professional	Title	Department	Year of admission	Hourly rate (\$)	Hours billed	Total compensation
Alastair Syvret	Partner	Corporate	1992	820	1.00	820
Alex Last	Partner	Corporate	1999	800	3.20	2,560
Adam Bathgate	Counsel	Corporate	2006	700	25.60	17,920
Jo-Anne Maher	Paralegal	Corporate	N/A	425	9.20	3,910
Corey Stokes	Paralegal	Corporate	N/A	300	10.70	3,210
TOTAL					49.70	28,420

## **EXHIBIT B**

## Task Code Summary

Description	Hours	Amount (\$)
Employment and fee applications	44.8	25,230
Financing and cash collateral	4.4	3,190

**EXHIBIT C** 

**Disbursement summary** 

None incurred

### **EXHIBIT D**

## Time detail

Work date	Timekeeper	WIP hours	WIP amount (\$)	Narrative	Classification
18/07/2016	Adam Bathgate	0.60	420	Various preliminary attendances on matter	Employment and fee applications
25/07/2016	Adam Bathgate	0.10	70	Follow-up correspondence with Simpson Thacher	Employment and fee applications
01/08/2016	Adam Bathgate	0.50	350	Conference call with Simpson Thacher re application for approval as special counsel	Employment and fee applications
01/08/2016	Adam Bathgate	0.40	280	Review of sample application documents	Employment and fee applications
01/08/2016	Adam Bathgate	0.50	350	Instructing paralegals on conflict searches	Employment and fee applications
01/08/2016	Alex Last	0.50	400	Call with Simpson Thacher	Employment and fee applications
01/08/2016	Alex Last	0.50	400	Discussion with paralegals	Employment and fee applications
02/08/2016	Adam Bathgate	4.00	2,800	Preparing declaration to be submitted in support of application to be retained as special Cayman Islands counsel	Employment and fee applications
03/08/2016	Adam Bathgate	3.00	2,100	Further drafting of declaration to be submitted	Employment and fee applications
03/08/2016	Corey Stokes	2.00	600	Carrying out conflict searches	Employment and fee applications

Work date	Timekeeper	WIP hours	WIP amount (\$)	Narrative	Classification
04/08/2016	Jo-Anne Maher	3.20	1,360	Carrying out conflict searches	Employment and fee applications
04/08/2016	Corey Stokes	3.60	1,080	Carrying out conflict searches	Employment and fee applications
05/08/2016	Corey Stokes	1.70	510	Carrying out conflict searches	Employment and fee applications
08/08/2016	Adam Bathgate	0.30	210	Arranging next stages of conflict search resolution	Employment and fee applications
08/08/2016	Adam Bathgate	0.30	210	Preparing text of email to be sent to involved partners on matters showing potential conflicts	Employment and fee applications
08/08/2016	Adam Bathgate	0.50	350	Internal meeting to discuss conflict situation	Employment and fee applications
08/08/2016	Adam Bathgate	0.70	490	Follow-up attendances arising from meeting	Employment and fee applications
08/08/2016	Jo-Anne Maher	0.50	212.50	Internal meeting to discuss conflict situation	Employment and fee applications
08/08/2016	Corey Stokes	0.50	150	Internal meeting to discuss conflict situation	Employment and fee applications
08/08/2016	Corey Stokes	0.30	90	Carrying out conflict searches	Employment and fee applications
09/08/2016	Adam Bathgate	1.60	1,120	Revising draft declaration following conflict search results	Employment and fee applications
09/08/2016	Jo-Anne Maher	5.00	2,125	Carrying out conflict searches	Employment and fee applications

Work date	Timekeeper	WIP hours	WIP amount (\$)	Narrative	Classification
08/08/2016	Corey Stokes	2.00	600	Carrying out conflict searches	Employment and fee applications
10/08/2016	Alastair Syvret	0.20	164	Telephone call with Alex discussing conflict position	Employment and fee applications
10/08/2016	Alex Last	0.20	160	Telephone call with Alastair Syvret discussing conflict position	Employment and fee applications
10/08/2016	Alastair Syvret	0.30	246	Review of draft declaration	Employment and fee applications
10/08/2016	Alastair Syvret	0.50	410	Further review of draft declaration	Employment and fee applications
10/08/2016	Jo-Anne Maher	0.50	212.50	Preparing conflict search report	Employment and fee applications
16/08/2016	Adam Bathgate	0.20	140	Review of Simpson Thacher comments on draft declaration.	Employment and fee applications
16/08/2016	Adam Bathgate	0.10	70	Revising draft declaration per Simpson Thacher comments	Employment and fee applications
17/08/2016	Adam Bathgate	0.20	140	Discussion AL re next steps	Employment and fee applications
17/08/2016	Alex Last	0.20	160	Discussion AB re next steps	Employment and fee applications
17/08/2016	Adam Bathgate	1.00	700	Finalising revisions to draft declaration	Employment and fee applications
12/09/2016	Adam Bathgate	2.00	1,400	Review of second lien financing documents and memorandum and articles of Cayman debtor	Financing and cash collateral

Work date	Timekeeper	WIP hours	WIP amount (\$)	Narrative	Classification	
12/09/2016	Adam Bathgate	1.40	980	Review of form of non-disclosure agreement	Employment and fee applications	
13/09/2016	Adam Bathgate	0.30	210	Revising non-disclosure agreement	Employment and fee applications	
13/09/2016	Adam Bathgate	0.10	70	Correspondence Simpson Thacher re non- disclosure agreement	Employment and fee applications	
13/09/2016	Adam Bathgate	0.80	560	Further consideration of second lien documents.	Financing and cash collateral	
13/09/2016	Adam Bathgate	0.30	210	Discussion AL re memorandum and articles and security issues	Financing and cash collateral	
13/09/2016	Adam Bathgate	0.20	140	Correspondence Simpson Thacher re second lien documents and constitutional documents of Cayman debtor	Financing and cash collateral	
13/09/2016	Alex Last	0.80	640	Review of second lien documents and memorandum and articles.	Financing and cash collateral	
13/09/2016	Alex Last	0.30	240	Discussion AB re memorandum and articles and security issues	Financing and cash collateral	
18/10/2016	Adam Bathgate	2.10	1,470	Preparing quarterly fee application.	Employment and fee applications	
01/11/2016	Adam Bathgate	0.50	350	Instructing CS on further work required on fee application	Employment and fee applications	
02/11/2016	Corey Stokes	0.50	150	Updating draft fee application	Employment and fee applications	
03/11/2016	Adam Bathgate	0.20	140	Review of CS edits to fee application	Employment and fee applications	

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Work date	Timekeeper	WIP hours	WIP amount (\$)	Narrative	Classification
09/11/2016	Alex Last	0.60			Employment and fee applications
09/11/2016	Alex Last	0.10	80	Email to Simpson Thacher with fee application	Employment and fee applications
09/11/2016	Corey Stokes	0.10	30	Finalising fee application	Employment and fee applications
19/12/2016	Adam Bathgate	0.20	140	Consideration of update correspondence from Simpson Thacher regarding final fee application	Employment and fee applications
20/12/2016	Adam Bathgate	2.00	1,400	Preparing final fee application	Employment and fee applications
04/01/2017	Adam Bathgate	1.00	700	Further work on final fee application	Employment and fee applications
05/01/2017	Adam Bathgate	0.50	350	Finalising final fee application	Employment and fee applications

#### Exhibit E

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re:

Gawker Media LLC, et al. 1

Debtors.

Chapter 11

Case No. 16-11700 (SMB)

(Jointly Administered)

ORDER GRANTING FEE APPLICATION OF MOURANT OZANNES OF FEES FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED AND DISBURSEMENTS INCURRED AS SPECIAL COUNSEL AS TO CAYMAN ISLANDS LAW FOR THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED CREDITORS FOR THE PERIOD FROM JULY 18 2016 THROUGH JANUARY 5, 2017

Upon the application filed on January [], 2017 (the "Application")<sup>2</sup> of Mourant Ozannes ("Mourant"), special counsel as to Cayman Islands law for the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the "Committee") of Gawker Media, LLC and its affiliated debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors"), in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases, pursuant to sections 330 and 331 of title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101–1532 (as amended, the "Bankruptcy Code"), Rule 2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), Rule 2016-1 of the Local Bankruptcy Rules for the Southern District of New York (the "Local Rules"), the Amended Guidelines for Fees and Disbursements for Professionals in Southern District of New York Bankruptcy Cases, effective February 5, 2013 (together with Local Rule 2016-1, the "Local Guidelines"), the United States

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Application.

Trustee Appendix B Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed Under 11 U.S.C. § 330 by Attorneys in Larger Chapter 11 Cases, adopted on November 1, 2013, effective November 1, 2013 (the "U.S. Trustee Guidelines"), and the Order Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals [Docket No. 94] (the "Interim Compensation Order"), seeking entry of an order allowing and authorizing: (i) allowing Mourant final compensation for professional services rendered as counsel for the Committee during these cases in the amount of \$28,420; (ii) authorizing and directing the Debtors to pay (to the extent not previously paid in accordance with the Interim Compensation Order) to Mourant \$28,420, representing an amount equal to this award; and a hearing having been held before this Court to consider the Application (the "Hearing"); and the Court having jurisdiction to consider the Application and the relief requested therein in accordance with 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334; and it appearing that notice of the Application was good and sufficient under the circumstances and that no other or further notice need be given; and for the reasons set forth more fully on the record of the Hearing; and upon the record therein; and after due deliberation thereon; and good and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is hereby

#### ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT:

- The Application is granted and the fees and expenses of Mourant for the Compensation Period are approved on a final basis, in the amounts and to the extent provided on Schedule A attached hereto.
- 2. The Debtors are authorized and directed to pay promptly to Mourant the amount of \$28,420, which is the total amount outstanding to Mourant and unpaid for services rendered and expenses incurred during the Compensation Period.

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3	3.	The Court shall	retain jurisdiction with respect to any matters, claims,
rights or disput	es arisir	ng from or relate	ed to implementation of this Order.
Dated: New Yo	ork, Nev	w York, , 2017	
			HONORABLE STUART M. BERNSTEIN UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

Schedule A

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Case No.: 16-1700(SMB) (Jointly Administered) Case Name: *In re Gawker Media, LLC, et al.* 

	COMPENSATION PERIOD  July 18, 2016 – January 5, 2017								
(1) APPLICANT	(2) DATE/DOCKET NO. OF APPLICATION	(3)  INTERIM FEES REQUESTED ON APPLICATION	(4) FEES ALLOWED	(5)  FEES TO BE PAID FOR CURRENT FEE PERIOD	(6)  FEES TO BE PAID FOR PRIOR FEE PERIOD(S) (IF ANY) (I.E., HOLDBACK RELEASE)	(7) TOTAL FEES TO BE PAID	(8) INTERIM EXPENSES REQUESTED	(9) EXPENSES TO BE PAID FOR CURRENT FEE PERIOD	
Mourant Ozannes	_/_/17 Docket No. []	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$28,420	\$28,420	\$28,420	\$0.00	\$0.00	